

## Milford Recreation Commission

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### Attendees:

Walter Smith	Claudia Lemaire	Nicole Banks	Rick Mossey
Heather Romeri	Tim Finan	Liz Snell	Joan Dargie

### Appointments:

**Rick Riendeau** (DPW Director)- Rick briefs the commission on how relations are going between MCAA, DPW, and the Recreation Commission. There is a discussion about the Shepard Field dugouts being raised and also concerning the condition of the grass in the infield. Liz Snell conveys to the commission that DPW has plans on grading the infield again. Heather Romeri raises the question on how the parks budget affects DPW. Rick discusses the line items that make up the budget. DPW is beginning the process of maintaining the fields more meticulously with fertilizer, lime, seed etc... There is a line item for field maintenance, as of now the budget for field maintenance is \$1500. \$148,000 is the budget for parks with 2/3 of the money being allocated for salaries.

**Mike Viola**, Police Chief- There are two cameras placed at Keyes Field to help maintain security. The police department will be solely viewing the tapes from the cameras. The department is developing a policy for how the cameras will pan the park and how much viewing time will be allocated towards viewing the tapes. They are also developing consistent policies with regards to the consequences for unsavory behavior in the park. Joan remarks how Keyes is open till 10:00PM as of now due to possible night tennis play. From nine to ten at night there is no one playing tennis. Since town hours for parks and cemeteries are part of a Town Ordinance, it would need to go to the Board of Selectman for a vote to change these hours of operation. More discussion is needed to determine if shortening the hours will ultimately make the parks a safer place for residents. Joan remarks that although smoking cannot be banned from parks there are times when smoking is an issue of nuisance to users of the park. The Board of Selectman can make an ordinance that will designate a smoking area in the park but it has no legal repercussion if not followed. Ultimately, smokers of legal age still have the right to smoke in open public spaces.

**Matthew Willette**- He is a member of St. Patrick's Church in Milford and is responsible for organizing the second annual picnic for the church. The reservation includes portable toilet fees, court usage, water/electric usage and stage usage. He comes before the board to request the fee of \$265.00 to use the park to be waived. We can only waive 80% of the fees due to portable toilet cleaning fees. We can waive the other 80% for in-kind service that directly contributes to recreation for the town. We can table the request for the fee waiver till next month when Matthew can discuss possible volunteer opportunities with his church members.

A pergola that joins the pavilion is being built at Keyes Field. The pavilion will have a brick base. Joan brings in samples of the bricks to show the commission in various colors. The bricks will be sold and engraved for \$50.00 a piece to support the project. The engraved bricks will be a more beige color and the base is a lighter red color.

### **Director's Report**

Financial Report- Fund Balance- \$64,778.44

Scholarships are getting close to capacity for toddler tumbling and swim lessons. There are still some scholarships available for pool passes.

Stephanie Zubricki- updates the commission on the upcoming rotary and state swim meets. She still needs some volunteers for both the events. She will put a call out to regular volunteers and the public.

The kid carnival was a great success. The event grossed a \$1,234.72 profit from the event and the money will be put towards the new pergola at Keyes Field. A big thanks goes to Heather Romeri for planning a wonderful community activity.

The fourth of July was also a smooth running event. The bike parade was well attended. The free pool admission for the day was well received. Rob Oxford performed and the fireworks were a bit slow going but very well attended.

The Milford Park to Park 5k needs to be rethought due to low attendance.

The selectman approved naming the new softball field at Kaley Park in the memory of Rob Carson Jr., who was tragically killed in a car crash this past April. Rob ran the co-ed softball league in Milford for the past 15 years. A dedication

ceremony will be held at the wooden bat tournament this fall on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Rick Mossey- Phase three of the rink is well underway. The building permit has now been approved and DPW is now looking at the plans for the warming hut and storage shed. Irrigation may be an issue. Next month we will continue with the discussion and possible adjustments to the plan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Respectfully Submitted by,

Claudia Lemaire